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(order attached hereto); and (3) *Perrong v. Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C.*, 1:18-cv-00712-MN (D. Del. Mar. 6, 2020) (docket report attached hereto).

In *Seefeldt*, the court granted Defendants' motion for a stay pending resolution by the U.S. Supreme Court of *Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants*, Appeal No. 19-631, on the basis of not only the government-debt issue, but also the Telephone Consumer Protection Act's "definitional problem of what constitutes an autodialer." *Id.* at \*3. The *Seefeldt* court noted:

[T]he problem of continuing this case is laid bare: it hinges not only on the problem of the government-debt exception, but also on the definitional problem of what constitutes an autodialer. To be sure, this Court notes plaintiff's complaint seems to specifically rely on the autodialer definition adopted by the Ninth Circuit—that is, an autodialer that can simply "store telephone numbers to be called, regardless of whether those numbers were generate by a random or sequential number generator"—which now sits in a clear appellate minority as against the greater weight of the Third, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits.

Id.

Similarly, the court in *Wright* determined "that any proceedings before the Supreme Court issues guidance in the upcoming *Barr v. Am. Ass'n* will be—among other things—a waste of judicial resources and a waste of the parties' time and energy." 2020 WL 1149906, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. Feb. 7, 2020).

Finally, on March 6, 2020, by a minute order, the *Perrong* court also stayed that matter pending resolution of the *Barr* appeal. *Perrong v. Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C.*, 1:18-cv-00712-MN (D. Del. Mar. 6, 2020) (Docket Entry).

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### MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR., UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

\*1 This matter comes before the Court on defendants' motion to stay (#93), which argues a stay is appropriate in this case pending resolution by the U.S. Supreme Court of *Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants*, Appeal No. 19-631. For the reasons that follow, that motion is **GRANTED**.

The case at hand involves a putative class action against defendants Entertainment Consulting International, LLC. ("ECI") and Outfield Brew House, LLC., d/b/a Budweiser Brew House ("Brew House"), alleging both "developed, acquired, licensed, and/or used custom, high-powered text-messaging programs ('Autodialer') that can select random,

sequential, and/or store phone numbers, dial such numbers, and send thousands of unsolicited automated text messages to such numbers." ECI and Brew House purportedly "compiled thousands of cell phone numbers and used the Autodialer to bombard the individuals having such cell phone numbers with special offers, prizes, events, and happy hours via unsolicited text messages." Specifically, named plaintiff Michael Seefeldt takes issue with ECI and Brew House's use of the Autodialer program—between January 24, 2015 and January 24, 2019—to send "unsolicited text messages [to him] and the putative class members promoting specials and events at the Brew House[.]" Seefeldt says these actions are in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. §§ 227, et seq.

The TCPA has been the subject of much appellate discourse lately. First, the government-debt exception has been struck down as unconstitutional. See. Am. Assoc. of Political Consultants, Inc. v. F.C.C., 923 F.3d 159 (4th Cir. 2019) (striking down the TCPA's government-debt exception as unconstitutional, but severing it); Duguid v. Facebook, Inc., 926 F.3d 1146 (9th Cir. 2019) (striking down the TCPA's government-debt exception as unconstitutional, but severing it). Both the Fourth and Ninth Circuits found that the government-debt exception rendered the TCPA "fatally underinclusive" in that it "does not further the purpose of the automated call ban in a narrowly tailored fashion." Am. Assoc. of Political Consultants, Inc., 923 F.3d at 168; Duguid, 926 F.3d at 1155. Both courts severed the governmentdebt exception while leaving the remainder of the TCPA in place. Am. Assoc. of Political Consultants, Inc., 923 F.3d at 171; Duguid 926 F.3d at 1156-1157; see also 47 U.S.C. § 608. Their decisions are not without criticism, however, as made clear in the United States' intervening brief. Citing Brickman v. Facebook, Inc., 230 F.Supp.3d 1036, 1047 (N.D. Cal. 2017), the United States argues, apparently on grounds of sovereign immunity, that "[t]he TCPA does not apply to the government"—that is, the TCPA does not impose liability on the government—and thus "the government-debt exception simply acts to protect those who are collecting debts [on its behalf]." As held by the Supreme Court, congress did not waive the government's sovereign immunity in enacting the TCPA, Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez, ---U.S. —, 136 S.Ct. 663, 672, 193 L.Ed.2d 571 (2016), and a congressional act is required in order for third parties to enjoy the government's immunity by way of the derivative immunity doctrine. See Yearsley v. W.A. Ross Const. Co., 309 U.S. 18, 20, 60 S.Ct. 413, 84 L.Ed. 554 (1940). Neither the court in Duguid nor the court in Am. Assoc. of Political

*Consultants* contemplated what effect, if any, this sovereign immunity plays in the underinclusiveness rationale. In any event, the Supreme Court will at least look at these criticisms as raised by the United States in *Barr. See* Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Appeal No. 19-631, at pp. 12-13.

\*2 Second, in the wake of the D.C. Circuit's decision in ACA Int'l. v. F.C.C., 885 F.3d 687, 695 (D.C. Cir. 2018), which essentially reset the TCPA's definitional landscape, appellate courts have been unable to agree on the exact definition to give to an "autodialer" that lies at the heart of the TCPA's prohibitive mandates. This is a preliminary issue to the determination of whatever possible exceptions might remain following constitutional scrutiny. The problem comes down to a proper interpretation of Section 227(a)(1) (A), which states that autodialer "equipment" must have the "capacity" to "store or produce telephone numbers to be called, using a random or sequential number generator." 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1)(A) (emphasis added). The latter phrase is what has caused so much confusion. Does the phrase "using a random or sequential number generator" modify the verb "store" or "produce," or both? The Third, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits have all concluded that it is both; an autodialer must be capable of either storing telephone numbers using a random or sequential number generator or **produce** such numbers using a random or sequential number generator. See Gadelhak v. AT&T Servs., Inc., — F.3d ——, 2020 WL 808270 at \*8 (7th Cir. Feb. 19, 2020); Glasser v. Hilton Grand Vacations Co., LLC., 948 F.3d 1301, 1306 (11th Cir. 2020); Dominguez ex rel. Himself v. Yahoo, Inc., 894 F.3d 116, 119 (3d Cir. 2018). They admit, however, that this definition is "imperfect," Gadelhak, — F.3d —, 2020 WL 808270 at \*8, and "runs into [interpretive] hurdles." Glasser, 948 F.3d at 1306. Conversely, the Ninth Circuit has concluded the phrase affects only the word produce, not store, such that an autodialer can either be equipment with the capacity to store numbers, or with the capacity to produce numbers to be called using a random or sequential number generator. Marks v. Crunch San Diego, LLC., 904 F.3d 1041, 1049 (9th Cir. 2018). Apparently, as recognized by the Seventh Circuit, there are at least two other options floated around by the district courts suggesting the definition "captures only equipment that dials randomly or sequentially generated numbers" or otherwise "describe[s] the manner in which the telephone numbers are to be *called*, regardless of how they are stored, produced, or generated." Gadelhak, — F.3d —, 2020 WL 808270 at \*4 (emphasis added).

In this case, defendants have filed a Rule 12(b)(6) motion that takes a notably scattershot approach, attacking both Section 227(b) and Section 227(c) of the TCPA under no less than the First Amendment Free Speech Clause, the "Fifth Amendment Equal Protection Clause," and the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause. But, the government-debt exception issue is certainly front-and-center in their arguments, which now sits before the U.S. Supreme Court in Barr. The question in that case, though, is not only whether the governmentdebt exception is unconstitutional; more importantly, it is also whether the proper remedy was to sever the offending exception from the TCPA, leaving the remainder of the TCPA intact. See Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Appeal No. 19-631, at p. I. In their motion to stay, defendants say these issues, challenging the stability of the TCPA at its core, "risk[ ] inconsistent rulings and otherwise avoidable resources expenditures" in the event this Court decides contrary to the Supreme Court.

This Court finds even more concerning, however, the pending issue of class certification. Plaintiff sought class certification only two months after he filed his case—apparently aided by discovery efforts in substantially similar litigation in the Western District of Missouri. Notably, Judge Harpool in that case recently denied class certification and granted summary judgment to the defendants, in part, because "the platforms [used by Brew House] were not an ATDS under the TCPA." Beal v. Outfield Brew House, LLC., 2020 WL 618839 at \*5 (W.D. Mo. Feb. 10, 2020) (granting summary judgment in defendants favor, and denying class certification, because plaintiff's claims could not survive the autodialer definitional adopted by the court). Judge Harpool elected to rely on the autodialer definition of the Third Circuit (and Seventh and Eleventh Circuits), that "an [autodialer] must produce numbers to be called using a random or sequential number generator." Id. (emphasis added) (quoting Dominguez, 894 F.3d at 121). He went on to explain that "[t]he platforms at issue in this case could only text individuals whose numbers had been entered into the system manually - either by importing information from a CSV file or individually typing in the number. In other words, the system did not generate telephone numbers, it merely stored them [via manual entry]." Id. (emphasis added). Thus, it was concluded, "[t]his does not constitute an [autodialer]." Id. It made no difference, he explained, that the "software can 'randomlyselect phone numbers," " because "that is not the same as generating them [randomly]." Id.

\*3 With Beal in mind, the problem of continuing this case is laid bare: it hinges not only on the problem of the government-debt exception, but also on the definitional problem of what constitutes an autodialer. To be sure, this Court notes plaintiff's complaint seems to specifically rely on the autodialer definition adopted by the Ninth Circuit—that is, an autodialer that can simply "store telephone numbers to be called, regardless of whether those numbers were generate by a random or sequential number generator"—which now sits in a clear appellate minority as against the greater weight of the Third, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits. Plaintiff's proposed definition was also rejected by the Western District of Missouri. [Doc. #1, P. 5, ¶¶ 21-22]; see also Gadelhak, — F.3d —, 2020 WL 808270 at \*4; Beal, 2020 WL 618839 at \*5. And, as Beal shows, a determination on this issue can swing wildly in either side's favor—resulting, potentially, in summary judgment for the defendants. Compare Beal, 2020 WL 618839 at \*5 (granting summary judgment to defendants on the basis that "the system did not generate telephone numbers, it merely stored them"); with Smith v. Truman Road Development, LLC., 414 F.Supp.3d 1205, 1240 (W.D. Mo. 2019) (denying a motion to dismiss by defendants, in part, on the basis that "the systems described in the complaint [are capable of dial ing numbers from a stored list—precisely what is prohibited by the statute").

At this stage, the Supreme Court has not revealed it hand whether it will also take up review of the definitional problem. See Facebook, Inc. v. Duguid, Appeal No. 19-511 (case involving issue of the proper definition of an autodialer that was distributed for conference on January 24, 2020, but is without decision whether to grant certiorari). But, without a doubt, it creates that much more uncertainty about the TCPA at large and, specifically, the viability of plaintiff's claims. Of course, what the Supreme Court has accepted review of—particularly, whether the government-debt exception is severable from the TCPA if deemed unconstitutional—risks a potential total collapse of the TCPA without regard to the definitional problem. It seems likely that decision, at minimum, will come this term (oral argument has been set for April 22, 2020), which may or may not be a reason why the decision on certiorari in *Duguid* remains pending.

Whatever the case, having studied the matter carefully, it seems the best approach is to wait for much-needed clarity from the Supreme Court—at least as to the government-debt exception problem, but also potentially the definitional problem. Indeed, this Court's has inherent power to stay proceedings as part of its authority "to control the disposition

of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort [in mind] for itself, for counsel, and for litigants." *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254, 57 S.Ct. 163, 81 L.Ed. 153 (1936). "How this can best be done calls for the exercise of judgment, which must weigh competing interests and maintain an even balance. *Id.* at 254-255, 57 S.Ct. 163. Generally speaking, the Court is to weigh "the potential prejudice or hardship to the parties, as well as the interest of judicial economy." *St. Louis Heart Ctr, Inc. v. Athenahealth, Inc.*, 2015 WL 6777873 at \*5 (E.D. Mo. Nov. 4, 2015).

This rubric favors a stay for the benefit of both parties, as well as this Court. For starters, plaintiff says it is defendants who have "shown no likelihood of success on the merits." But, as explained above, Beal patently suggests otherwise defendants won summary judgment in their favor on facts substantially similar to this case. Similarly, plaintiff argues the public interest would be harmed because "land line and cellular telephone lines were being abused" by defendants, which must be stopped. But *Beal* again suggests otherwise, finding the platforms used by Brew House (for the same years at issue, no less) "are not an ATDS under the TCPA." 2020 WL 618839 at \*5. Plaintiff also says that discovery efforts will be hampered if a stay is entered, such as dealing with the issue of witness memory recall, but ties none of those allegations to the particulars of this case. Again, with a class certification motion already pending, this Court must confront the issue of defining an autodialer at an early stage—soon if a stay is not entered—that may result in the denial of class certification, as occurred in *Beal* following summary judgment, which all but defeats the need for discovery as a practical matter given the severe reduction in damage potential of this case. See 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3) (permitting an action for injunctive relief, actual monetary loss, and/or \$500 in damages per violation). Finally, plaintiff suggests that judicial economy militates against a stay because "this case is still more than year (sic) from final disposition." Yet, that is precisely why a stay is appropriate, to avoid exhausting judicial resources to decide things like defendants' multifaceted motion to dismiss, plaintiff's pending motion for class certification, and any possible discovery-related matters or summary judgment motions to follow which may prove fruitless. A (relatively) young case, at least from the standpoint of litigation efforts, if not time alone, favors staying this action. See St. Louis Heart Ctr., Inc., 2015 WL 6777873 at \*5 (staying a TCPA action where a Supreme Court decision was pending for, amongst other reasons, the "very young" age of the case that had not yet conducted much discovery and had not yet litigated substantive issues).

\*4 Accordingly,

So ordered this 25th day of February 2020.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendants' motion to stay (#93) is **GRANTED**. This Case is **STAYED** pending resolution by the U.S. Supreme Court of *Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants*, Appeal No. 19-631.

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# **ORDER**

# PAUL G. BYRON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

\*1 This cause comes before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Stay Proceedings (Doc. 94), filed January 22, 2020. On February 5, 2020, Plaintiffs responded in opposition. (Doc. 96). Upon consideration, Defendant's motion is due to be granted.

#### I. BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs initiated this action on October 30, 2018, and filed their Amended Complaint on January 24, 2019 (Doc. 30), seeking recovery against Defendant under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"). On October 25, 2019, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Class Certification (Doc. 68), in an attempt to address what they describe as a "pervasive problem emanating from the real estate industry." (*Id.*). Plaintiffs argue that real estate brokers are violating the TCPA by allowing realtors to: "(1) purchase leads lists of consumers with whom the realtors and the brokerages have no relationship and (2) repeatedly cold calling them to solicit real estate listings using calling platforms that include the ability to autodial and transmit prerecorded voice messages ...." (*Id.*).

Defendant now moves to stay these proceedings pending the Supreme Court's decision in *William P. Barr v. Am. Ass'n Political Consultants Inc.*, et al., Case No. 19-631. (Doc. 94).

## II. DISCUSSION

District courts have broad discretion to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). Nevertheless, staying a matter is an extraordinary measure that should only be employed to further the ends of justice, and the district court should resolve any doubts against issuing a stay. *See Bank of Am., N.A. v. Sullivan*, No. 8:13-CV-385, 2013 WL 2285079, at \*2 (M.D. Fla. May 23, 2013).

Defendant asks the Court to stay proceedings pending the Supreme Court's decision in *Barr v. Am. Ass'n Political Consultants* because it has the "potential to moot this action, as the Supreme Court is reviewing whether the statute on which Plaintiff relies – the TCPA – is constitutional." (Doc. 94, p. 1). Plaintiff argues that "[s]imply because eXp hopes the Supreme Court will overturn the Fourth Circuit's decision —and change clear Eleventh Circuit law—does not warrant a stay pending the decision in *Barr*." (Doc. 97, p. 1).

The Court believes that any proceedings before the Supreme Court issues guidance in the upcoming *Barr v. Am. Ass'n* will be—among other things—a waste of judicial resources and a waste of the parties' time and energy. Additionally, "[T]he decision to grant a stay ... is generally left to the sound discretion of district courts." *Ryan v. Gonzales*, 568 U.S. 57, 74 (2013) (internal quotations and citations omitted).

#### III. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

- 1. Defendant's Motion to Stay Proceedings (Doc. 94) is **GRANTED**;
- 2. On or before **Friday, March 13, 2020**, the parties shall provide the Court with a written status report detailing the upcoming Supreme Court oral argument schedule and/or any updates in the Supreme Court's case and decision.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Orlando, Florida on February 7, 2020.

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# U.S. District Court District of Delaware (Wilmington) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00712-MN

Perrong v. Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. Assigned to: Judge Maryellen Noreika

Demand: \$15,000,000

Cause: 28:1331 Fed. Question

Date Filed: 05/11/2018 Jury Demand: Plaintiff

Nature of Suit: 890 Other Statutory Actions

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
05/11/2018	1	COMPLAINT filed with Jury Demand against Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C Magistrate Consent Notice to Pltf. (Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 0311-2379918.) - filed by Andrew R. Perrong. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet)(sar) (Entered: 05/11/2018)	
05/11/2018	2	Notice, Consent and Referral forms re: U.S. Magistrate Judge jurisdiction. (sar) (Entered: 05/11/2018)	
05/11/2018	Summons Issued with Magistrate Consent Notice attached as to Liberty Power Corp L.L.C. on 5/11/2018. Requesting party or attorney should pick up issued summons a Help Desk, Room 4209, or call 302-573-6170 and ask the Clerk to mail the summon them. (sar) (Entered: 05/11/2018)		
05/11/2018	3	MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Aytan Y. Bellin, Esquire - filed by Andrew R. Perrong. (Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 05/11/2018)	
05/16/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Gregory M. Sleet. Please include the initials of the Judge (GMS) after the case number on all documents filed. (nms) (Entered: 05/16/2018)	
05/30/2018	4	Return of Service Executed by Andrew R. Perrong. Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. served on 5/15/2018, answer due 6/5/2018. (Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 05/30/2018)	
06/01/2018	<u>5</u>	STIPULATION To Extend Time to Respond to Complaint re 1 Complaint, 4 Return of Service Executed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 06/01/2018)	
06/04/2018		SO ORDERED - re <u>3</u> MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Aytan Y. Bell Esquire filed by Andrew R. Perrong, <u>5</u> Stipulation filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C., Set/Reset Answer Deadlines: Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. answer due 6/19/2018 Ordere by Judge Gregory M. Sleet on 6/4/2018. (mdb) (Entered: 06/04/2018)	
noticing. Pursuant to Local Rule 83.5 (d)., Delaware counsel shall be the		Pro Hac Vice Attorney Aytan Y. Bellin for Andrew R. Perrong added for electronic noticing. Pursuant to Local Rule 83.5 (d)., Delaware counsel shall be the registered users of CM/ECF and shall be required to file all papers. (fms) (Entered: 06/05/2018)	
06/15/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Peter S. Murphy on behalf of Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 06/15/2018)	
06/18/2018	7	STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME Responsive Pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint to June 26, 2018 - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 06/18/2018)	
06/20/2018	SO ORDERED - re 7 STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME Responsive Pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint to June 26, 2018 filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C., Set/Rese Answer Deadlines: Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. answer due 6/26/2018 Ordered by J Gregory M. Sleet on 6/20/2018. (mdb) (Entered: 06/20/2018)		

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06/26/2018	8	MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Attachments: # 1 Opening Brief in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint, # 2 Text of Proposed Order, # 3 Exhibit, # 4 Notice of Manual filing of Multi-Media Materials)(Murphy, Peter) Modified on 6/27/2018 (mdb). (Entered: 06/26/2018)		
06/28/2018	9	ORDER REGARDING CASE MANAGEMENT IN CIVIL CASES. Signed by Judge Gregory M. Sleet on 6/28/2018. (asw) (Entered: 06/28/2018)		
06/28/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Constitutional Question by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 06/28/2018)		
07/10/2018	11	ANSWERING BRIEF in Opposition re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Clarupon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Andrew R. Perrong Reply Brief due date per Local Rules is 7/17/2018. (Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 07/10/2018)		
07/10/2018	12	Amended ANSWERING BRIEF in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss filed by Andrew R Perrong.Reply Brief due date per Local Rules is 7/17/2018. (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service)(Higgins, Mary) Modified on 7/10/2018 (mdb). (Entered: 07/10/2018)		
07/12/2018	<u>13</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed on July 2, 2018 as to Jefferson Sessions, Attorney Gene of the United States. (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 07/12/2018)		
07/17/2018	14	STIPULATION and Proposed Order for a One Week Extension to the Deadline for Defendant's Reply Brief re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lac of Subject Matter Jurisdiction, <u>11</u> Answering Brief in Opposition, <u>12</u> Answering Brief in Opposition by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 07/17/2018)		
07/19/2018		SO ORDERED - re 14 Stipulation and Proposed Order for a One Week Extension to the Deadline for Defendant's Reply Brief filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C., Set Briefing Schedule: re 8 MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction. (Reply Brief due 7/24/2018). Ordered by Judge Gregory M. Sleet on 7/19/2018. (mdb) (Entered: 07/19/2018)		
07/24/2018	<u>15</u>	REPLY BRIEF re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 07/24/2018)		
07/30/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Andrew R. Perrong. (Attachments: # 1 Certification of Counsel)(Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 07/30/2018)		
07/30/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint PROPOSED ORDER Proposed Scheduling Order re <u>16</u> Status Report by Andrew R. Perrong. (Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 07/30/2018)		
08/21/2018	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to Decide Whether to Intervene (UNOPPOSED) - filed by United States of America. (Hall, Jennifer) Modified on 8/27/2018 (mdb). (Entered: 08/21/2018)		
08/27/2018		ORAL ORDER re 16 Joint Status Report, 17 Proposed Scheduling Order - The plaintiff shall file an amended proposed scheduling that includes dates certain for all scheduling events. The amended proposal is due no later than Friday, August 31, 2018. Ordered by Judge Gregory M. Sleet on 8/27/2018. (mdb) (Entered: 08/27/2018)		
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08/31/2018	20	Mary) (Entered: 08/31/2018)		
09/20/2018		Case reassigned to Judge Maryellen Noreika. Please include the initials of the Judge (MN after the case number on all documents filed. (jcs) (Entered: 09/20/2018)		
10/24/2018	21	NOTICE OF SERVICE of Plaintiff's First Sets of Interrogatories, Requests for Admissions, and Requests for Production filed by Andrew R. Perrong.(Higgins, Mary) (Entered: 10/24/2018)		
10/26/2018	22	NOTICE of Intervention in Support of the Constitutionality of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 by United States of America (Hall, Jennifer) (Entered: 10/26/2018)		
10/26/2018	23	ANSWERING BRIEF in Opposition re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Clair Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by United States of America. Reply Brief due dat per Local Rules is 11/2/2018. (Hall, Jennifer) (Entered: 10/26/2018)		
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11/08/2018	Letter to Honorable Maryellen Noreika from Jennifer Hall regarding Response to (D.I. 25) - re 25 Order,,, Set Briefing Schedule,,. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposition Order)(Hall, Jennifer) (Entered: 11/08/2018)			
11/09/2018	9/2018 ORDER Certifying Constitutional Challenge. Signed by Judge Maryellen Noreika of 11/9/2018. (Copy mailed to the United States Attorney General) (dlw) (Entered: 11/09/2018)			
11/14/2018	28	REPLY BRIEF re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Murphy, Peter) (Main Document 28 replaced on 11/16/2018) (dlw). (Entered: 11/14/2018)		
11/15/2018	<u>29</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL re Andrew R. Perrong: Entry of appearance of attorney Chad J. Toms. Attorney Mary Higgins terminated. (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Certificate of Service)(Toms, Chad) (Entered: 11/15/2018)		
11/16/2018		CORRECTING ENTRY: The PDF at D.I. 28 has been swapped out with a version of the brief that complies with Local Rule 5.1.1 that all printed matter must be in at least 12 point		

		type. (dlw) (Entered: 11/16/2018)		
11/20/2018	30	Consent MOTION to Stay re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for L of Subject Matter Jurisdiction, <u>21</u> Notice of Service - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Rule 7.1.1. Statement, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 11/20/2018)		
11/21/2018		SO ORDERED re 30 Consent MOTION to Stay filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. Discovery in this case is STAYED until after a decision on the pending Motion to Dismiss 8. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 11/21/2018. (dlw) (Entered: 11/21/2018)		
11/28/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: An Oral Argument is set for 1/10/2019 at 03:00 PM in Courtroom 4A before Judge Maryellen Noreika on the Motion to Dismiss 8. The Court is setting aside a total of two hours for the argument. (dlw) (Entered: 11/28/2018)		
11/28/2018	31	MOTION to Defer Filing a Scheduling Order (Unopposed) - filed by Liberty Power Corp L.L.C. (Attachments: # 1 Rule 7.1.1. Statement, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Murphy, Peter) Modified on 11/28/2018 (dlw). (Entered: 11/28/2018)		
11/29/2018	1/29/2018 SO ORDERED re 31 Consent MOTION - The Scheduling Order currently due to be filed no later than thirty (30) days from the Court's ruling on the pending Motion Dismiss 8. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 11/29/2018. (dlw) (Enterd 11/29/2018)			
11/30/2018	32	NOTICE of Appearance by Anjali Motgi on behalf of United States of America (Motgi, Anjali) (Entered: 11/30/2018)		
12/21/2018	33	MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Charles A. Zdebski, Esquire - filed Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Attachments: # 1 Certification of Charles A. Zdebski, Esquire, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 12/21/2018)		
12/21/2018		SO ORDERED re 33 MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Charles A. Zdebski, Esquire filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 12/21/2018. (dlw) (Entered: 12/21/2018)		
12/26/2018	34	Letter to Honorable Maryellen Noreika, U.S.D.J from Chad J. Toms, Esquire regarding Oral Argument on Defendant Liberty Power Corp.'s pending motion to dismiss - re 25 Order,,, Set Briefing Schedule,, 23 Answering Brief in Opposition, 24 Oral Order,,, (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D)(Toms, Chad (Entered: 12/26/2018)		
		MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Robert J. Gastner, Esquire - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Attachments: # 1 Certification of Robert J. Gastner, Esquire, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Murphy, Peter) (Entered: 12/26/2018)		
01/02/2019		SO ORDERED re 35 MOTION for Pro Hac Vice Appearance of Attorney Robert J. Gastner, Esquire filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 1/2/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 01/02/2019)		
01/03/2019	<u>36</u>	MOTION to Stay Case in Light of Lapse of Appropriations - UNOPPOSED - filed by United States of America. (Hall, Jennifer) Modified on 1/3/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 01/03/2019)		
01/03/2019	37	ORDER GRANTING <u>36</u> Motion to Stay. Case STAYED. The January 10, 2019 Oral Argument is CANCELED. Signed by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 1/3/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 01/03/2019)		
01/11/2019	38	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL re Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C.: Entry of		

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01/28/2019	<u>39</u>	NOTICE of Restoration of Appropriations by United States of America re <u>37</u> Order on Motion to Stay (Hall, Jennifer) Modified on 1/29/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 01/28/2019)		
02/21/2019	40	ORAL ORDER LIFTING STAY and Setting Oral Argument on <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss - Oral Argument is set for 5/10/2019 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 4A before Judge Maryellen Noreika. The Court has set aside two hours for argument. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 2/21/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 02/21/2019)		
04/01/2019	41	ORAL ORDER: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, on or before April 30, 2019, each part shall submit a letter to the Court identifying any district court or appellate court opinions issuing since November 14, 2018 that have addressed the constitutionality of the Telepho Consumer Protection Act of 1991, 47 U.S.C. § 227. For each case identified, a party may include up to three sentences explaining the relevance of the opinion to the present case. There will be no reply submissions. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 4/1/19. (dlw) (Entered: 04/01/2019)		
04/01/2019	42	NOTICE of Appearance by Laura D. Hatcher on behalf of United States of America (Hatcher, Laura) (Entered: 04/01/2019)		
04/30/2019	43	Letter to Judge Noreika from Chad J. Toms regarding Constitutionality of the TCPA - re 4 Oral Order,,. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibits A-C)(Toms, Chad) (Entered: 04/30/2019)		
04/30/2019	44	Letter to Judge Noreika from Alexandra D. Rogin regarding Constitutionality of the TCPA - re 41 Oral Order,,. (Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 04/30/2019)		
04/30/2019	45	Letter to the Court from the United States regarding Decisions About the Constitutionalit of the TCPA Since Nov. 14, 2018. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C)(Motgi, Anjali) (Entered: 04/30/2019)		
on 5/10/2019 re 8 MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Con Matter Jurisdiction filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. The under advisement and issue an Order in due course. (Court R		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Maryellen Noreika - Oral Argument held on 5/10/2019 re 8 MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. The court will take this matter under advisement and issue an Order in due course. (Court Reporter: Dale Hawkins.) (asw) (Entered: 05/10/2019)		
05/16/2019	NOTICE of Withdrawal of Attorney, Jennifer L. Hall by United States of America Jennifer) (Entered: 05/16/2019)			
Liberty Power Corp., 1:18-cv-712 (MN) Decision issued by the Ninth Circuit repending Motion to Dismiss - re 8 MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Country Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complete		Letter to Honorable Maryellen Noreika, U.S.D.J. from Chad J. Toms regarding Perrong v. Liberty Power Corp., 1:18-cv-712 (MN) Decision issued by the Ninth Circuit relevant to pending Motion to Dismiss - re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief Can be Granted and Partial Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Enclosure)(Toms, Chad) (Entered: 06/21/2019)		
09/30/2019	48	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 9/30/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 09/30/2019)		
09/30/2019	<u>49</u>	ORDER re <u>48</u> Memorandum Opinion DENYING <u>8</u> Defendant's motion to dismiss. Signed by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 9/30/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 09/30/2019)		
10/09/2019	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer with Consent of Plaintiff - filed by Lil Power Corp, L.L.C. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order, # 2 Rule 7.1.1 Stateme (Rogin, Alexandra) Modified on 10/9/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 10/09/2019)			

10/09/2019		SO ORDERED re 50 MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer with Consent of Plaintiff (Set/Reset Answer Deadlines: Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. answer due 10/28/2019). ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 10/9/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 10/09/2019)		
10/28/2019	<u>51</u>	ANSWER to 1 Complaint with Jury Demand by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C(Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 10/28/2019)		
10/30/2019	52	REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 10/30/2019)		
10/30/2019	53	OPENING BRIEF in Support re <u>52</u> REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.CAnswering Brief/Response due date per Local Rules is 11/13/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 10/30/2019)		
10/30/2019	<u>54</u>	MOTION to Stay Proceedings - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rogin, Alexandra) Modified on 10/31/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 10/30/2019)		
11/07/2019	<u>55</u>	NOTICE of Defendant's Notice of Supplemental Authority by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. (Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/07/2019)		
11/07/2019	<u>56</u>	PROPOSED ORDER // Scheduling Order by Andrew R. Perrong. (Toms, Chad) Modified on 11/7/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 11/07/2019)		
11/13/2019	<u>57</u>	STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME for Plaintiff to File Response to Defendant's Motion to Amend Order Denying Motion to Dismiss and to Certify Interlocutory Appeal and to Stay Proceedings to November 27, 2019 - filed by Andrew R. Perrong. (Toms, Chad) Modified on 11/13/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 11/13/2019)		
11/13/2019		SO ORDERED re <u>57</u> STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME for Plaintiff to File Response Defendant's Motions to Amend Order Denying Motion to Dismiss and to Certify Interlocutory Appeal and to Stay Proceedings to November 27, 2019 (Set Briefing Schedule: re <u>54</u> MOTION to Stay Proceedings, <u>52</u> REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals - Answering Briefs due 11/27/2019). ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 11/13/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 11/13/2019)		
11/13/2019	MEMORANDUM in Opposition re 52 REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appe U.S. Court of Appeals filed by United States of America.Reply Brief due date per I Rules is 11/20/2019. (Motgi, Anjali) (Main Document 58 replaced on 11/13/2019) (Entered: 11/13/2019)			
11/13/2019	CORRECTING ENTRY: The last page of D.I. 58 has been deleted per the request of counsel as it was attached in error. (dlw) (Entered: 11/13/2019)			
11/18/2019	<u>59</u>	Joint STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME to file Reply Brief to December 6, 2019 - filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/18/2019)		
11/19/2019	SO ORDERED re <u>59</u> Joint STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME to file Reply Brief to December 6, 2019 (Set Briefing Schedule: re <u>52</u> REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals - Reply Brief due 12/6/2019). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the reply brief shall not exceed 20 pages. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 11/19/2019. (dlw) (Entered: 11/19/2019)			
11/27/2019	27/2019 60 ANSWERING BRIEF in Opposition re 54 MOTION to Stay Proceedings, 52 REQUES for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals filed by Andrew R.			

		Perrong. Reply Brief due date per Stipulation is 12/6/2019. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A) (Toms, Chad) Modified on 12/2/2019 (dlw). (Entered: 11/27/2019)		
12/06/2019	61	REPLY BRIEF re <u>54</u> MOTION to Stay Proceedings, <u>52</u> REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals filed by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-D to Reply Brief)(Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 12/06/2019)		
12/16/2019	<u>62</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL re United States of America: Entry of appearance of attorney Jonathan D Kossak. Attorney Anjali Motgi terminated. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 12/16/2019)		
01/14/2020	<u>63</u>	Letter to The Hon. Maryellen Noreika from Alexandra Rogin regarding Supreme Court Case Development - re <u>53</u> Opening Brief in Support, <u>54</u> MOTION to Stay Proceedings, <u>52</u> REQUEST for Certification of Direct Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals , <u>55</u> Notice (Other), <u>61</u> Reply Brief, (Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 01/14/2020)		
02/24/2020	64	ORAL ORDER Setting Teleconference: A Telephone Conference is set for 3/6/2020 at 10:00 AM before Judge Maryellen Noreika regarding the pending motions (D.I. <u>52</u> , <u>54</u> ). Any party wishing to join the call shall do so by <i>individually</i> dialing into 302-573-4545. ORDERED by Judge Maryellen Noreika on 2/24/2020. (dlw) (Entered: 02/24/2020)		
		NOTICE of Supplemental Authority for Motion to Stay by Liberty Power Corp, L.L.C. re 54 MOTION to Stay Proceedings, 63 Letter, (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(Rogin, Alexandra) (Entered: 03/03/2020)		
Conference held on 3/6/2020. The pending motions (52,54) are DENIEL STAYED pending the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court case <i>Barr v. Am Association of Political Consultants</i> . The parties shall file a joint status rep		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Maryellen Noreika - Telephone Conference held on 3/6/2020. The pending motions (52,54) are DENIED. The case is STAYED pending the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court case <i>Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants</i> . The parties shall file a joint status report within two weeks of the conclusion of the <i>Barr</i> case. CASE STAYED. (Court Reporter Dale Hawkins.) (mdb) (Entered: 03/06/2020)		

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